MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know from the member whether even after the receipt of this question an attempt was made to get the information called for so that the House may be informed of the details ?

PRESIDENT : The Government member has already answered in very definite and unequivocal terms that this kind of information is not maintained because under the present system of accounting it is not possible

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : Will the Government change the accounting system so that they may get the information ?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASVAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : It is not possible unless the very basis of the present accounting system is changed. It is on a cash and a treasury basis now.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know whether Government contemplate such a change ?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASVAMY AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : I wish to know whether they think it desirable to make a change in that direction ?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASVAMY AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : Unless the usefulness of the change is brought to bear upon Government and they are convinced of it, it is not desirable to change the present system.

Destitutes in the State.

35 *MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruval'a I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have made any attempt to ascertain the number of destitutes (അഗതികൾ) in the State ; and

(*b*) if so, when and the results thereon ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*a*).

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): May I know from the member whether he is aware that Government made a promise during the first session that they will ascertain the number of destitutes ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Probably the Government did answer the question like that. I have not got the paper with me now.

MR N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : May I know whether Government will take steps te get the information as early as possible ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There are practical difficulties. But Government may consider the question. It is difficult to know who the destitutes are. In brackets it is written (അഗതികൾ). It is rather difficult to find them out. All that I can do is that Government will try to collect the information. But I cannot make a definite promise.

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